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SUBJECT: ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE

REF: LAHORE 0258 (NOTAL)

INTRODUCTION: DELEGATES CONTINUED TO ARRIVE IN LAHORE FOR ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SUMMIT CONFERENCES, INCLUDING MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA, GUINEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CISSOKO, SYRIA FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM, LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER NAFFA, GRAND MUFTI OF JERUSALEM, AND OTHERS, BRINING TOTAL NUMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO HAVE SO FAR ARRIVED TO 17. ACCORDING TO PRESS, EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI AND SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF ARE DUE IN CITY FEB 22. MASS CONFUSION STILL PERVADES CONFERENCE ATMOSPHERE AND PRESS IS INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED WITH LACK OF HARD NEWS FROM OFFICIAL SESSIONS. LOCAL PRESS HAS PRINTED MESSAGES OF FELICITATION FROM FRG CHANCELLOR

BRANDT, UNSYG WALDHEIM, DPRK PRESIDENT KIM IL SONG AND GRUNK FORNMIN SARIN CHHAK.

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1. CONFERENCE SPOKESMAN, GOP FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI, ANNOUNCED IN PRESS BRIEFING FEB 19 THAT FIRST DAY OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING HAD AGREED ON GENERAL FORMULATION OF CENTRAL AGENDA ITEM ON MIDDLE EAST AND HAD ACCEPTED SIX NEW MEMBERS. ACTUAL WORDING OF MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION -- BEING HAMMERED OUT FOR INCLUSION IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE YET TO BE APPROVED AT SUMMIT MEETING END OF THE

WEEK -- WAS GENERAL, HE CLAIMED, IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE CONFLICTING ARAB VIEWS ON, FOR EXAMPLE, "PALESTINE CAUSE." RESOLUTION, SHAHI SAID, "EXPRESSES STRONG ATTACHMENT OF MUSLIMS TO JERUSALEM AND THE FIRM DETERMINATION OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO LIBERATE IT."

2. WHEN QUERIED ON POSSIBILITY OF CONFERENCE DISCUSSION ON OIL, SHAHI CLAIMED THAT ME AGENDA ITEM WAS BROAD ENOUGH TO INCLUDE THIS QUESTION IF HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT SO DESIRE.

3. PRESSED FOR NEWS ON FOREIGN MINISTERS' VIEWS ON BANGLADESH ATTENDANCE, SHAHI CONCEDED THAT SEVERAL HEADS OF MUSLIM STATES HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO GOP AND BDG. (COMMENT: LOCAL PRESS HAS PROMINENTLY NOTED BANGLADESH FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN FEB 19 DENIAL OF STATEMENT DAY EARLIER BY INDONESIAN FONMIN ADAM MALIK THAT HE BROUGHT IRON-CLAD ASSURANCES THAT 195 POW'S WAR CRIMES TRIALS WOULD BE DROPPED -- LAHORE 0246, DACCA 0750, NOTAL).

4. ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP ARE SIX NEW AFRICAN STATES: CAMEROON, GABON, GAMBIA, GUINEA-BISSAU, UGANDA AND UPPER VOLTA, BUT WE NOTE THAT PROTOCOL PRACTICES HAVE LEFT AFRICANS WITH NO DOUBT ABOUT PRIVILEGED STATUS OF ARABS AT THIS CONFERENCE. NEWSMEN REACTED TO UGANDA'S ADMISSION

WITH QUESTIONS TO AGHA SHAHI RE CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR A NON-MUSLIM MAJORITY STATE -- BUT SPOKESOVN FUDGED, REPLYING THUT ITIAAS MATTER FOR COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT OF MEMBER STATES. IRAQ'S REQUEST TO SEND OBSERVER, HE SAID, HAD BEEN APPROVED. SHAHI DID NOT MENTION STATUS OF PLO DELEGATION PRESENT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAHORE (ARAFAT HIMSELF HAS NOT YET ARRIVED) BUT INFORMATION MINISTRY SOURCE TOLD US EVENING FEB 19 THAT FONMINS HAD AGREED TO INVITE PLO AS OBSERVER. SOURCE SAID FONMINS PURPOSELY WORDED INVITATION IN SUCH A WAY AS TO KEEP IT UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE CONSIDERED PLO OFFICIAL ENTITY, STATE, GROUP OR WHATEVER.

5. SYRIAN FORSBGN MINISTER KHADDAM TOLD PRESS UPON ARRIVAL AT LAHORE THAT DECISIONS REACHED AT "MINI ARAB SUMMIT" IN ALGIERS RECENTLY WERE BINDING ON ALL ITS PARTICIPANTS. ASKED WHETHER LAHORE ISLAMIC SUMMIT WOULD DISCUSS DISENGAGEMENT OF TROOPS ALONG GOLAN HEIGHTS, FOREIGN MINISTER SAID TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL, RATHER THAN DISENGAGEMENT, WAS WHAT WAS IMPORTANT. HE RESPONDED IN NEGATIVE TO QUESTIONER WHO ASKED WHETHER ARAB COUNTRIES

WOULD LIFT OIL EMBARGO AGAINST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHEN
DISENGAGEMENT IS EFFECTED AND ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN
SANCTIONS AGAINST US WOULD BE LIFTED IN EVENT OF
DISENGAGEMENT.
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